Walt Disney
LE STRABILIANTI IMPRESE DI
FANTOMIUS
-LADRO GENTILUOMO-
duckburg: 1920's in the exclusive equestrian club "duck horse"
lord quackett, do you really think you're suitably dressed for polo?
polo? oh! i thought you said pole! and to think i got all up in a tizzy over whether we were going to the north or south one!
DUCK HORSE
you probably know by now john quackett is the clumsy and oafish secret identity of that handsome gentleman thief fantomius, whose diary and antics inspired paperinik!
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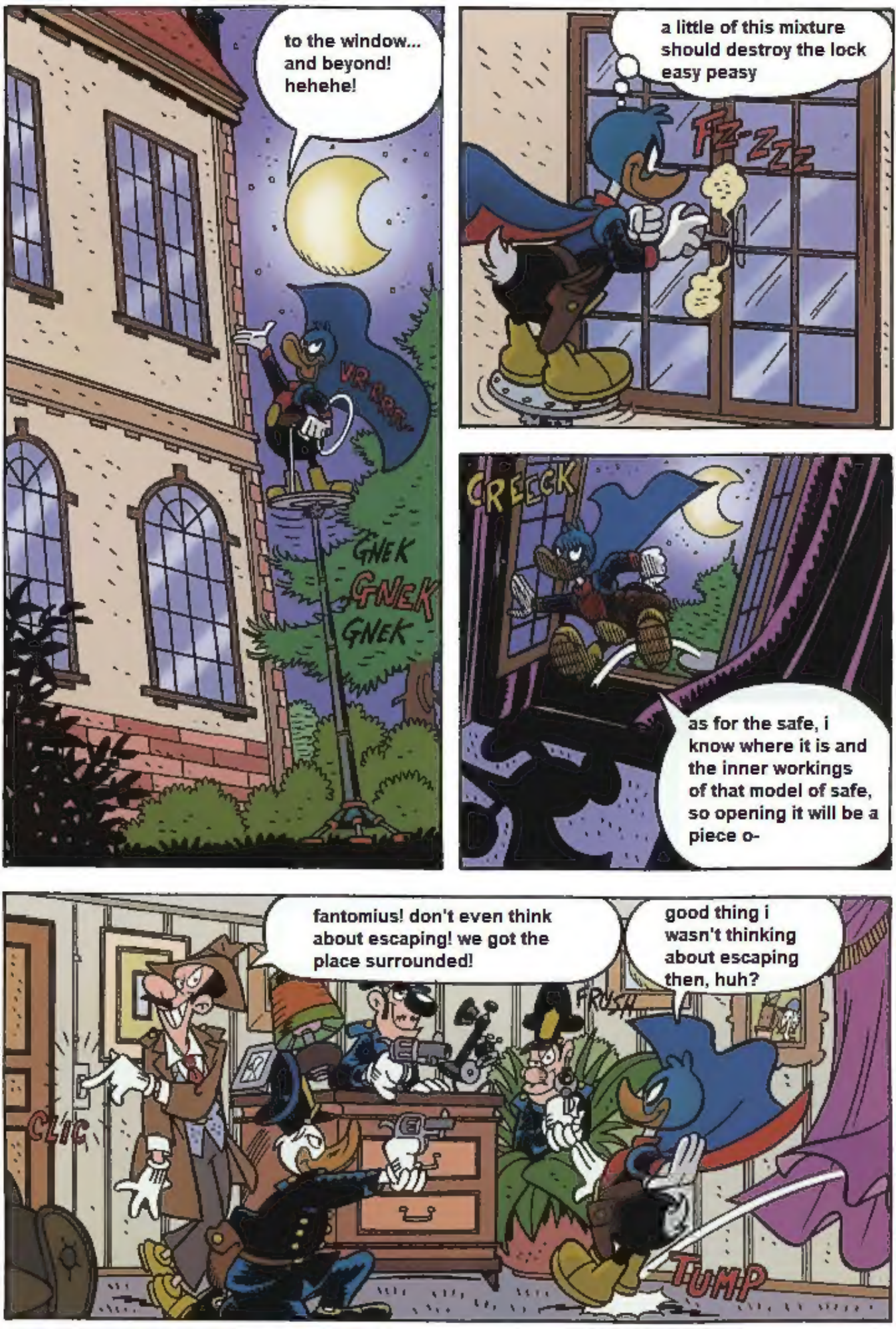
snort i knew i shouldn't have invited you, but we were short a guy and you were the only one available on such short notice!
maybe he got lost at one of the poles. it'd be pretty easy; it's just as cold there as here, hehe
hmph! instead of being a smart alec, go change! we're already late!
ok i'll dash, or rather, i'll gallop!
*go read monte rosa! translated by dani&wilson!

later...
i got it! the ball is mine!
CLOP-CLOP-CLOP
nope, it's mine!
CLOP-CLOP
CLOP-CLOP
hehe!
GULP!
TUMP
you half wit! we're on the same team!
oh, so *that's* why we have the same color jersey
i'll remedy this *miniscule* error with a beautiful goal!
no!!! that's...
TOC
...the *other* team's goal!
hahaha! thanks lord quackett!
hmph! 's not my fault. they coulda put a sign!
SPLAT

a few minutes later...
what took you?! you disappeared at the end of the first chukka*!
i heard the lunch bell and came in to get a bite to eat.
*chukka = a period in polo!
a bite to eat? that bell signaled the end of the first period and the changing of the horses!
can you guys stop with the chatter? i'm trying to listen to this interesting interview on the radio
!
CRUNCH
commissioner pinko... fantomius, the gentleman thief, escaped you again!
that bandit has the most wretched good luck streak!
but sooner or later, i will corner him, and believe me, once he's behind bars, he's never coming out again!
careful what you say, commissioner, i could very well take it as a challenge!

L'EVASIONE DI FANTÔMIUS

that night, at precious villa
be careful, dear! this caper is a really risky one!
DE PREZIOS!
calm down, dolly. all will go well! this outer wall could discourage your run-o'-the-mill cat burgular...
but not *fantomius*! ehehe!
BOING
the saferoom is on the second floor, a little out of range for my dingy springy boots!
BUMP
but i can be lifted by copernicus' "lift" no problem!
TA-TA-TLAC
SWISH


to the window... and beyond! hehehe!
GNEK
GNEK
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a little of this mixture should destroy the lock easy peasy
FZ-ZZZ
CREECK
as for the safe, i know where it is and the inner workings of that model of safe, so opening it will be a piece o-
fantomius! don't even think about escaping! we got the place surrounded!
good thing i wasn't thinking about escaping then, huh?
FRUSH
CLIC
TUMP

you've finally fallen into my trap! i'd love to know who it was who gave us that anonymous tip so i can thank him personally
hehe!
CLACK
this time, none of your hand-wavey tricks will save you!
!
now let's see who's hidden under that ma- eh?! lord quackett?
SWISH
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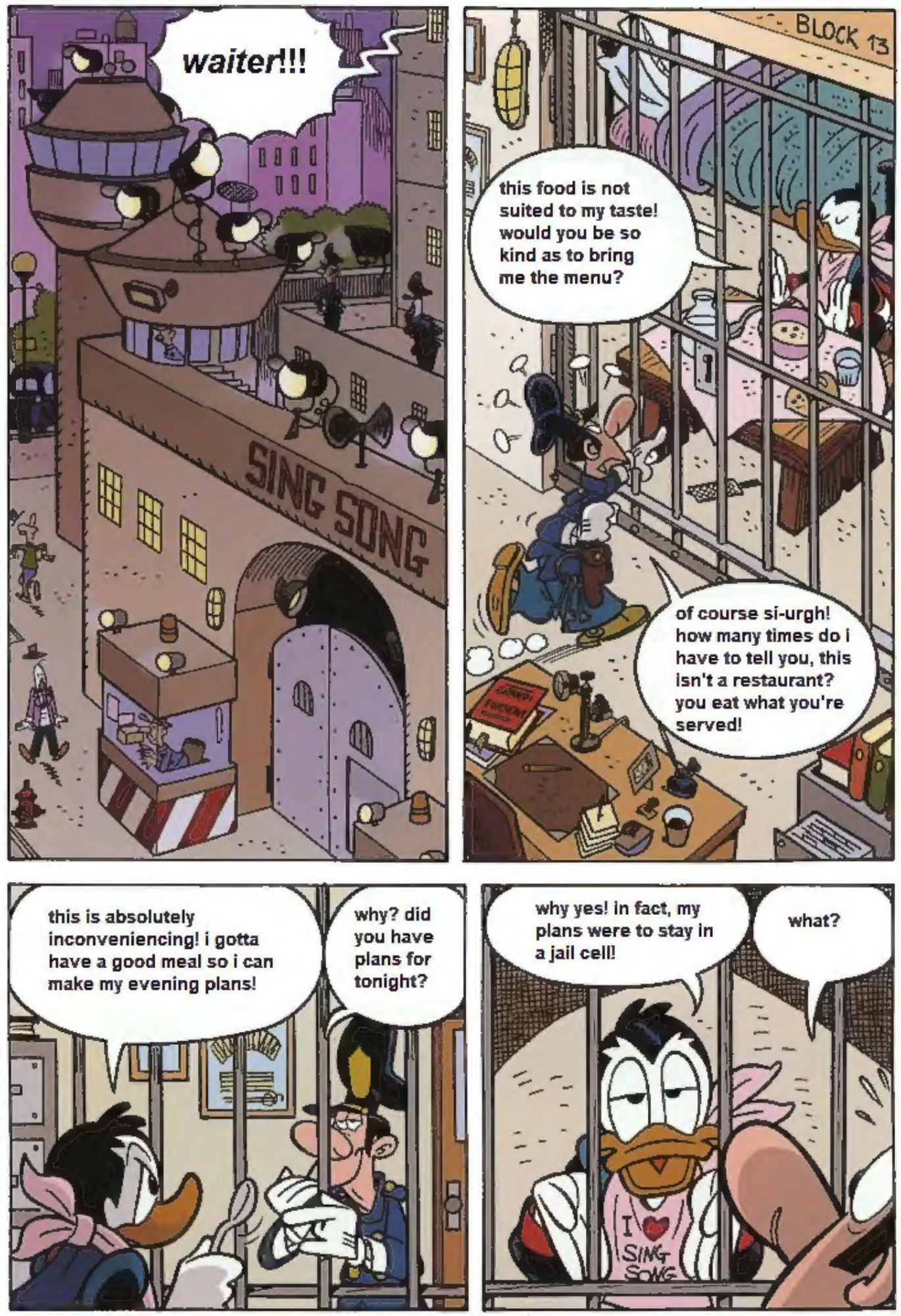
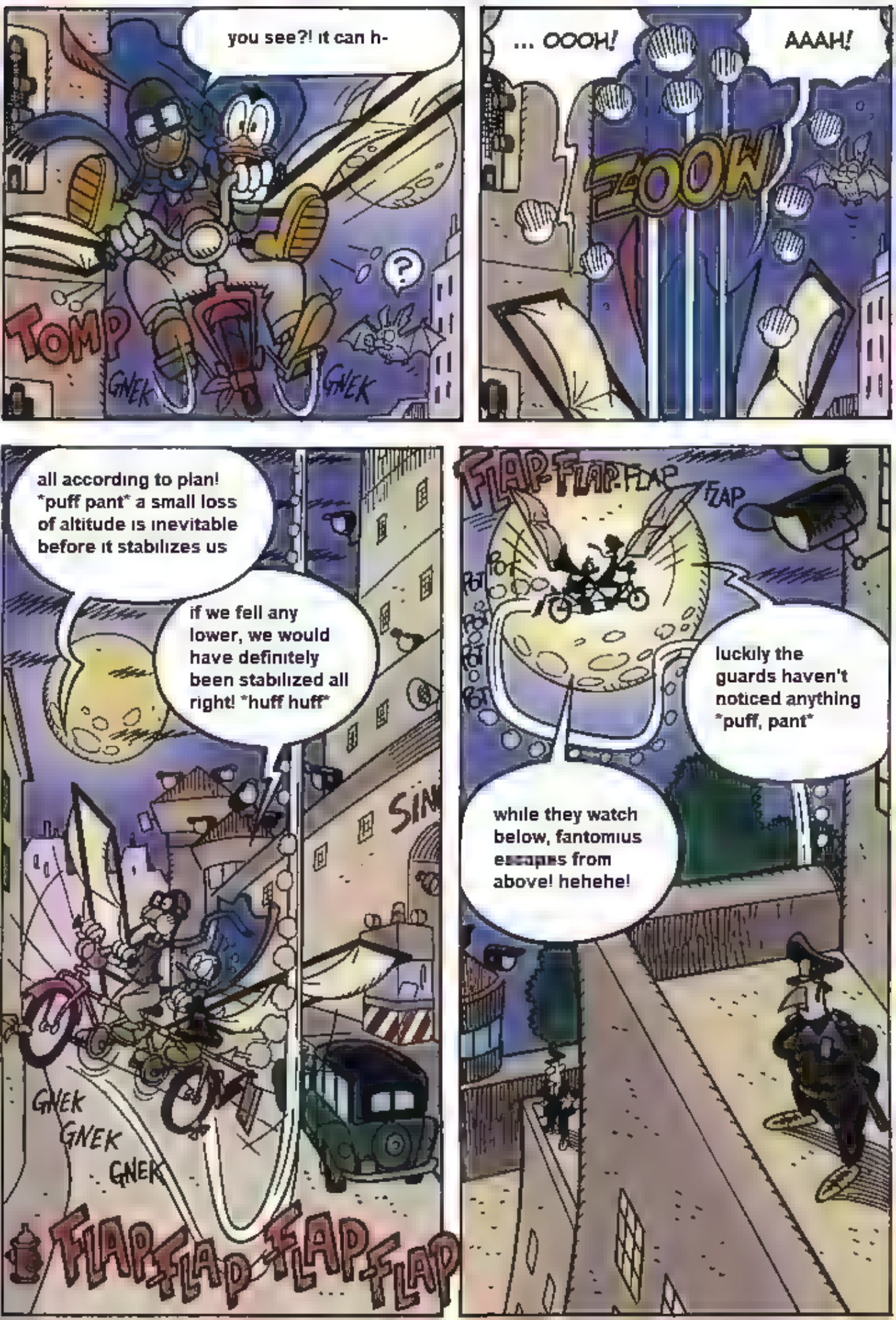
!
i'd thought of everyone, everyone in the world, except that upper class good-for-nothing... and he's fantomius
sob i hope he didnt go too far, revealing his identity like that!


waiter!!!
SING SONG
BLOCK 13
this food is not suited to my taste! would you be so kind as to bring me the menu?
of course si-urgh! how many times do i have to tell you, this isn't a restaurant? you eat what you're served!
this is absolutely inconveniencing! i gotta have a good meal so i can make my evening plans!
why? did you have plans for tonight?
why yes! in fact, my plans were to stay in a jail cell!
what?
I ♥ SING SONG

heeheehee! you may not have realized yet that you're under lock and key and you're not getting out anytime soon!
you think so?
that night...
excuse me, duke?
what is it, james?
a maiden came to me with a letter for you
a maiden you say? well what are you waiting for? read it!
"later tonight, i will steal your jewels, bought with the money you've made by profiting off the lower class!"
COFF! COFF!

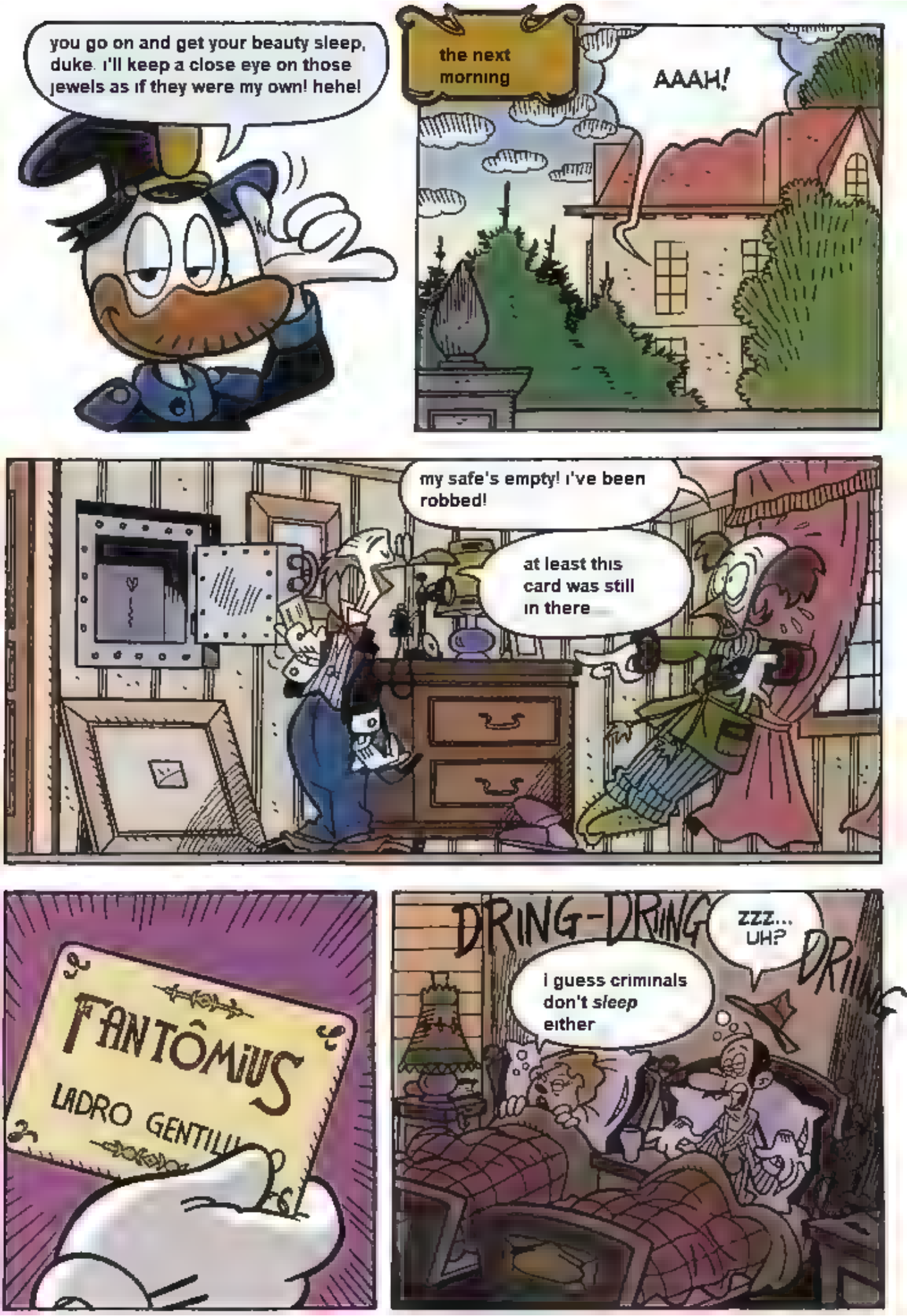
and inside the envelope was *fantomius' business card*
FANTÔMIUS
RO GENTILUOMO
erk-! i gotta call commissioner pinko right away!
DRIN-DRIN-DRIIN
why do they always have to call at dinnertime?
now adelaide, crime has no schedule!
it seems pretty scheduled to me....
hmpf! hello?
pinko! hurry! fantomius wants to rob me blind! you have to protect my jewels!
calm down! fantomius is rotting behind bars...
but i was still threatened! you have to do something!

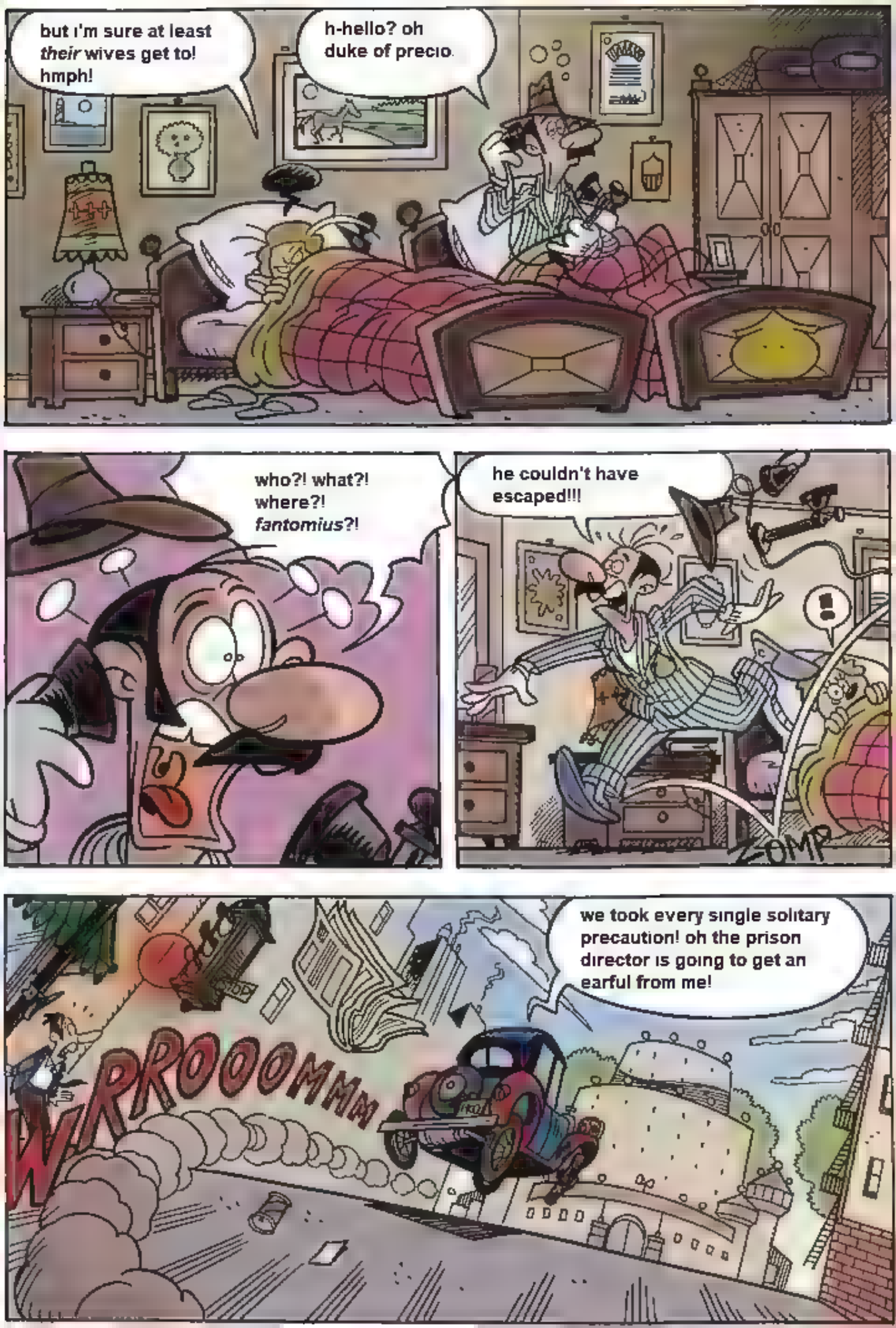
fine, fine! i'll send an agent, if it makes you feel any better. but you don't need to worry...
"...that masked mallard won't be leaving his cell anytime soon"
this pocket bar-slicer works perfectly! copernicus is a genius!
ZAK-ZAK-ZAK
ZAK-ZAK
hello john! hop on! quick *puff, pant* we don't have much time!
FLAP-FLAP-FLAP
POT-POT-POT-POT
GNEK-GNEK-GNEK-GNEK
are you sure that whatchamacallit will support my weight? it doesn't look too stable...
my aerocycle is robust, i'll have you know! now come, hop on! *puff pant*
ZOMP

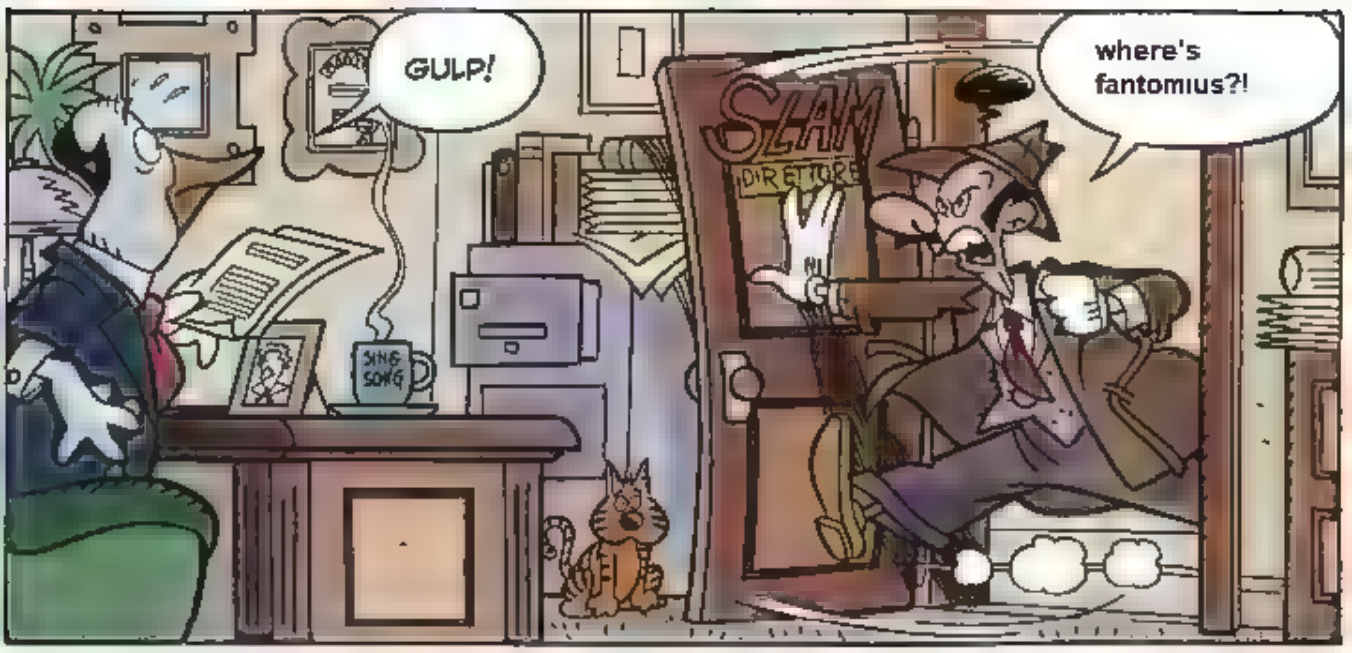

you see?! it can h-
?
TOMP
GNEK
GNEK
... OOOH!
AAAH!
ZOOOW
all according to plan! *puff pant* a small loss of altitude is inevitable before it stabilizes us
if we fell any lower, we would have definitely been stabilized all right! *huff huff*
GNEK
GNEK
GNEK
FLAP-FLAP-FLAP-FLAP
FLAP-FLAP-FLAP
FLAP
luckily the guards haven't noticed anything *puff, pant*
while they watch below, fantomius escapes from above! hehehe!

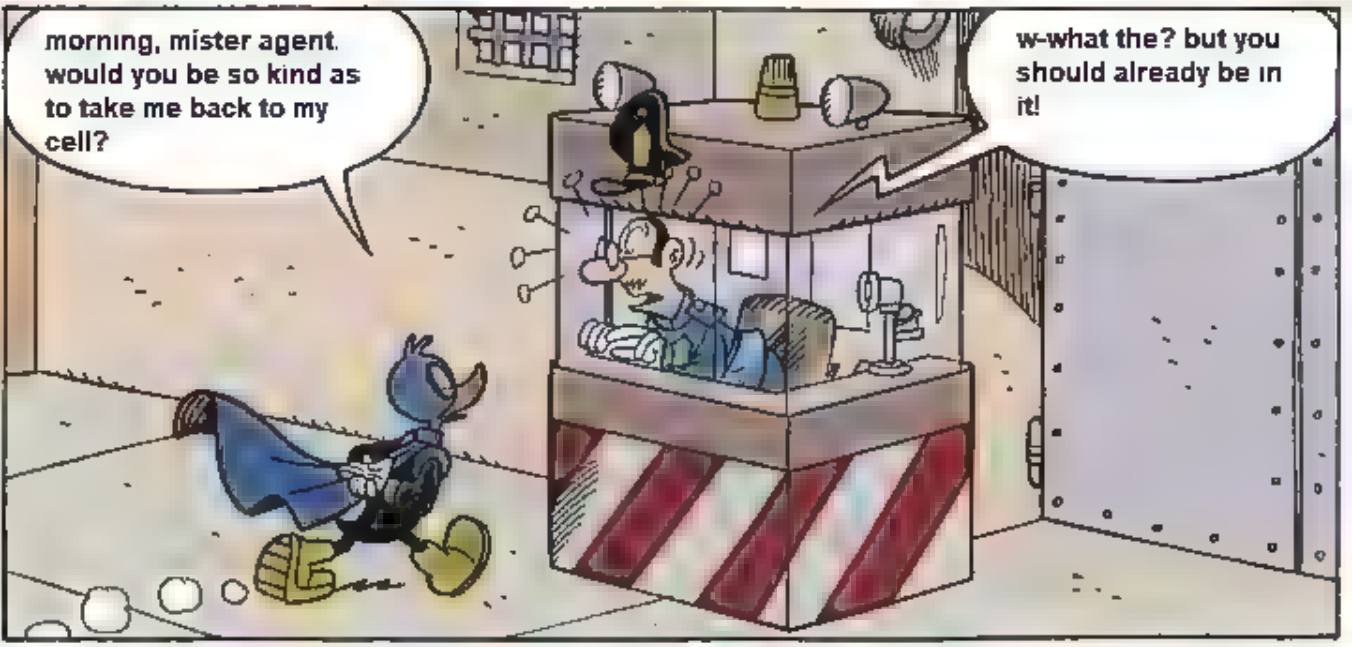
next stop, precious villa! dolly's waiting for me there! *huff huff*
FLAP-FLAP
GNEK-GNEK-GNEK
moments later...
STU TUMP
OUCH!
what was that?
bit of a tricky landing there. again
JOHN!
PAT PAT
everything go well with pinko's agent?
he's sleeping like a baby behind the bush, thanks to that sweet dreams spray
ZZZ
?

perfect! now it's my turn!
there's a certain something about seeing you dressed as a police officer, dear
you don't need to tell me twice! even when i was a little kid playing cops and robbers, i was always the robber!
SWISH
the agent assigned on watch has arrived, sir!
'bout time!
the commissioner told me that you're scared someone's going to steal your goods
exactly! you have to keep post in front of my safe and make sure nothing gets lost during the night!
james, accompany me upstairs! i'm finally going to bed!


you go on and get your beauty sleep, duke. i'll keep a close eye on those jewels as if they were my own! hehe!
the next morning
AAAH!
my safe's empty! i've been robbed!
at least this card was still in there
FANTÔMIUS
LADRO GENTIL
DRING-DRING
ZZZ... UH?
i guess criminals don't *sleep* either
DRING


but i'm sure at least *their* wives get to! hmph!
h-hello? oh duke of precio
who?! what?! where?! *fantomius*?!
he couldn't have escaped!!!
ZOMP
we took every single solitary precaution! oh the prison director is going to get an earful from me!
WRROOOMMM

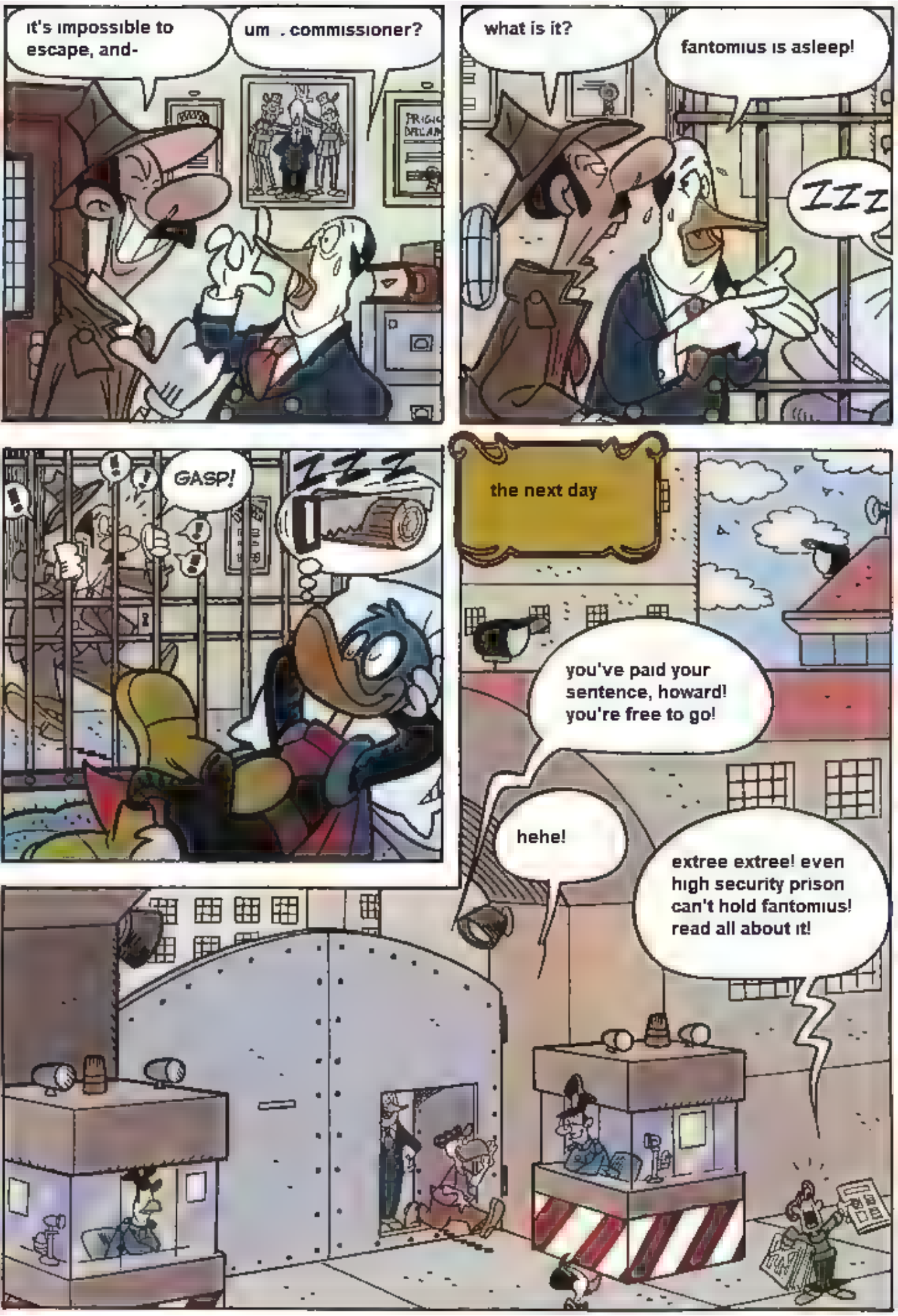

GULP!
where's fantomius?!
SLAM
DIRETTORE
SING SONG


morning, mister agent. would you be so kind as to take me back to my cell?
w-what the? but you should already be in it!

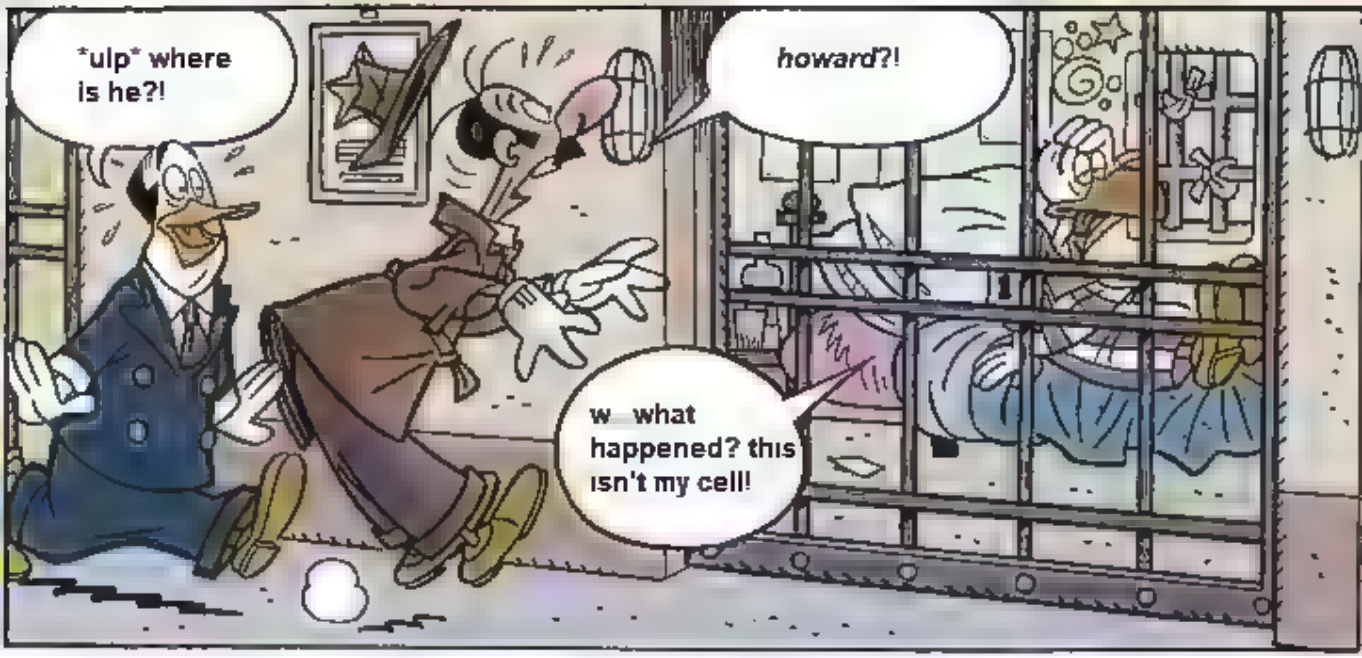
perceptive, aren't we? i had a little thing to do, but i'm back again!

don't dilly dally! i'm exhausted! shall we?
oh . of course!

here's fantomius' cell!
i went to all the work to capture him and you just let him go?! incomptents! i-
what's all that racket? i'd think we were at the market!
ah, it's you, commissioner. could you lower your voice, please?
i've been working all night, and i'd like to get some shuteye! wake me up in time for brunch!
of course, mister fantomius!
grrr! i don't know how you escaped, but you were wrong to come back!
tomorrow, you'll be transferred to fowlcatraz, the most secure federal prison in the world!


it's impossible to escape, and-
um . commissioner?
what is it?
fantomius is asleep!
Zzz
GASP!
Zzz
the next day
you've paid your sentence, howard! you're free to go!
hehe!
extree extree! even high security prison can't hold fantomius! read all about it!

i hope we won't have to meet again in the walls of this prison!
count on it, director! i still don't know how that wallet ended up in my pocket!
goodbye, howard!
see ya late...i mean... bye!
hello commissioner! lovely morning ain't it?
hmph! you'd be better keeping a low profile from now on...
good morning, pinko
the only good thing about it is that masked bandit will soon be under lock and key in fowlcatraz!
not a moment too soon, fortunately! let's go get him!


ulp where is he?!
howard?!
w_ what happened? this isn't my cell!

hundreds of handcuffs! he got us!
TAP
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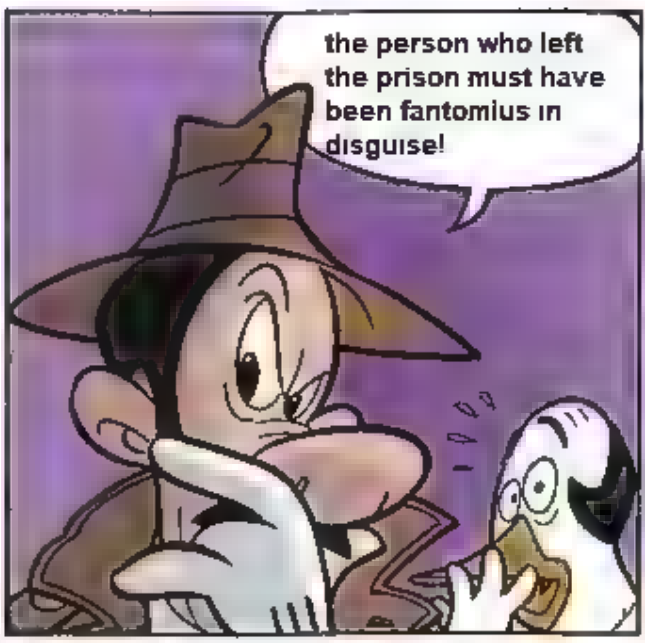
the person who left the prison must have been fantomius in disguise!

quick! all agents come with me! we have to get him back!

but what do we do about poor howard?
let him go! he's only a victim of this gentleman thief

thankies, commish! if all your officers were just as cunning as you...
BLOCCO 13
fantomius would still be behind bars!
get a move on howard, and try to stay on the straight and narrow
byebye!
huh? b-but... didn't you already leave?!
let's split up and search the streets around the prison! he won't escape us again!
there he is! i knew he couldn't have gotten far!
stop right there, fantomius! i caught you!
UH?

take off that mask!
yeowch! w-what mask?!
wait! is that your actual face?
um, yes? why would i be wearing a mask? this isn't some carnival!
oh no! then that means you're the real howard! fantomius was still in his cell and he used your appearance for his own gain!
?
and i myself told the director to free him! who knows where he could be now!
not to mention! the bugger made fun of me with his little "compliment" *grrr*!
what a cool guy, that thief!
he may have fooled me once again, but now i know his secret identity!

commissioner! commissioner!
what is it this time?
look at what i found in fantomius' cell!
his business card and a mask!
UH?
like for a carnival?
HOTEL
b-but, this is a mask of lord quackett!
then that means...
fantomius *isn't* lord quackett!!!

he assumed lord quackett's traits from the start to fool us!
i knew it was just too absurd to be true!
fantomius' identity remains a mystery, but there's one thing i'm sure of now...
the gentleman thief could be anyone, *except* that good for nothing lord quackett!!!
quite right!
BOH!
can you imagine the look on pinko's face when he sees that mask of your own face! heehee!
poor commissioner, he shouldn't have challenged me!
WROOOM
he should have realized you'd accept the challenge and escape prison not once, but twice!
hehehe!
WROOOM
POGGIO DELLE ROSE
Km. 10
FINE